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SUBJECT: Weekly Activity Report
FROM: Alexis Strauss, Director, Water Division
TO: Teddy Ryerson, Chief of Staff
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1. Guam: DOJ filed a report with Judge Tydingco-Gatewood raising our concern that the Guam Department of Public Works approved construction of the Ukudu Village, designed to house 18,000 workers, without required approvals from the Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA). Guam lacks sufficient water and wastewater infrastructure to serve this development. DOJ asked the court to hold a hearing to examine Guam's permitting process and GWA's plans to complete the infrastructure improvements needed to serve new island residents.

2. Honolulu: Our CWA consent decree with the City and County of Honolulu was lodged in U.S. District Court. Under the agreement, Honolulu will complete improvements to its wastewater collection system, upgrade the Sand Island and Honouliuli wastewater plants to secondary treatment and pay a penalty of \$1.6 million. The Hawaii Department of Health, the Sierra Club, Hawaii's Thousand Friends and Our Children's Earth Foundation joined EPA in this settlement.

3. Border - Infrastructure: Eberhardt, Liden, Aguirre and Cox met with the Tijuana utility, Comision Estatal de Servicios Publicos de Tijuana (CESPT), to review progress on project development, construction and operation of wastewater infrastructure. BECC, NADB and our funding partner, CONAGUA, the Mexican Federal Water Agency, also attended. CESPT, like most Border utilities, must contend with severe financial challenges and escalating border violence. Facility improvements focus on providing first-time service to neighborhoods and removing untreated waste from the Tijuana River and the Pacific Ocean. The wastewater collection system for Maclovio Rojas will complete construction this year; this is the largest neighborhood of almost 30,000 without service in the Tijuana River watershed. During the tour of key wastewater facilities on August 5, Liden was interviewed by local Tijuana TV media.

4. ARRA Drinking Water: We submitted an ARRA Buy American waiver to the ORA for approval. The project-specific waiver will allow the Town of Windsor, CA to purchase foreign-made steel well casings.

5. Tribes: We conducted a training webinar for tribal participants on incorporating water quality data into EPA data systems.

6. Deputy Director's Travel: I will take a day of leave Wednesday, August 18. Nancy Woo will be acting.